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LECTURE

The Council for the International Lay Apostolate will sponsor a lecture by Dorothy Day, one of the founders of the Catholic Worker Movement, in room 204 O'Shaughnessy Hall tomorrow evening at 8:00 P.M.

RETREAT

The between-semesters Retreat at the Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani will extend from Friday, Jan. 26th to Sunday, Jan. 28th. YCS is sponsoring the trip and expenses will be kept to the minimum. If you're financially embarrassed, there is a "pay later" plan. Reservations may be made in room 330 Dillon.

UNITY OCTAVE

With the approach of the Chair of Unity Octave, your attention is called to the following prayer for Unity. "O Lord, Who has made all peoples one in the confession of Thy Name, look down, we beseech Thee, on the Christian Peoples of the Near East. Mindful of the lofty position they once held in the Church, we beg Thee to inspire them with the desire of returning to that place yet again, that with us they may make one fold under the one Shepherd. May our minds and theirs be imbued with the teachings of their Doctors, those holy men who are our own Fathers in the Faith. Keep us from any mistaken course that might tend to estrange them from us. Grant that the spirit of harmony and love, true tokens of Thy Presence among the faithful, may hasten the day when their prayer and ours shall be joined together, so that all peoples and every tongue shall confess and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



UPI

One week from tomorrow is the date presently agreed upon for sending Lt. Col. John Glenn into orbit for three circuits of the earth. This is looked upon as a most important step in our going to the moon. The reason for going to the moon may be something related to national pride. Let's say it's one more instance of challenge and response. Granted that there are many challenges right here, e.g. a cure for cancer, still it seems that Americans are talented enough to do both. How often do you pray for the success of these and similar efforts? Don't wait until the morning of the 23rd. Start now.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Father of George Anderson of Alumni; relative of Dick McCarthy of Zahm; mother of Robert Stritch, '41, and aunt of Prof. T.J. Stritch of Communications Arts Dept.; great-uncle of John Dailey, of Alumni; Howard S. Hecht; Mrs. Louise Gilroy (long-time library employee); grandmother of Prof. Marshall Smelser of the History Dept. Ill: Paul Cunningham; grandmother of Charles O'Brien, '58. One special intention.



IT SEEMS LIKELY that more martyrs have died for the Faith since Communism came into power than all other Christian martyrs together for two thousand years. It seems likely, too, that while so many are suffering for the Faith, we're expected to do a better job of living for it. One spiritual writer has remarked, "You will never do any good to others save in and by suffering. Our Lord gained the world, not by His discourses, the Sermon on the Mount, but by His blood, His suffering on the cross." This doesn't mean that we must all run out and put our heads on the block. We're not expected to be martyrs in fact. But we can all become martyrs in spirit. "To carry our own mortality," says St Augustine, "is to carry the Cross."

THE EXTRA EFFORT you've made to keep the commandments this year has proved no little cross. Right? And then there's the occasional japping you take from the devil himself. Also, the ribbing you take from the "buddy" who even by the most generous standards could never be called "militant". For many, too, there is sickness in the family, or death. Or maybe things "aren't just right" at home. All of these things are part of daily life, and spell suffering for many.

AS WE ARRIVE AT EXAM-TIME, we should review the way we've accepted our crosses. If we have borne them for the love of Christ, we can ex-

pect to grow in Christian fortitude. If we've protested that too much is demanded of us, we should form our thoughts somewhat like this:

I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be
A pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me
Aught of its load;
I do not ask that flowers should always spring
Beneath my feet;
I know too well the poison and the sting
Of things so sweet.
For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I plead:
Lead me aright,
Though strength should falter, and though heart
should bleed,
Through peace to light.

I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou should'st shed
Full radiance here;
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread
Without fear.
I do not ask my cross to understand,
My way to see;
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand
And follow Thee.
Joy is like restless day; but peace divine
Like quiet night.
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine,
Through peace to light.

FINALLY, good wishes to all in the days ahead. Examinations are not the most difficult thing you're going to have to face. They can be a fine preparation for future ordeals.

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